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PHOTO BY STEVE KALSHOFER

Conestoga students and their friends danced the night away at CSI's first official pub night of the year (for more Toga Party pictures, see Page 7)

## CSI toga party rocks the Sanctuary

By CHRIS BRADON

On Sept. 24 Conestoga Students Inc. transformed the Sanctuary into a site from ancient Rome, at its annual Toga Party.

As students dressed in

such dressed in a bath, the atmosphere became more and more electric. With the music blaring and people dancing, everyone in the room was having a good time.

"I think it went very really well, it sold out really

quickly," said Tara Herriot, the event co-sponsor for Conestoga Students Inc. "Everyone I believe, had a pretty good time, now that the Sanctuary has a second improvement atmosphere and layout."

The toga party is one of CSI's most popular events of the year and is the first of many pub nights at the college. "This year they gave away a New Years Eve trip for two to Montreal, courtesy of Breakaway Tours."

"Based on former student input, I am changing some of the pub nights compared to last year," said Herriot.

At the Toga Party is a sign of the changes, that Conestoga students are in for a great year of pub events.

## Cambridge campus construction officially begins

By CHRIS BART

Conestoga College officially began construction of a 260,000-square-foot campus in Cambridge Sept. 25.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held that day with Conestoga MP Gerry Ouellette, minister of state for science and technology, among the many federal, provincial and local leaders in attendance.

The new campus will be located directly across Highway 404 from the Downs campus.

The college purchased 54 hectares of land from the City of Cambridge in October 2006 for \$17.7 million.

"We are very proud to have

a community college in Cambridge," said Doug Grogg, mayor of Cambridge.

The college will receive a total of \$12 million from both federal and provincial levels of government through the federal Knowledge Infrastructure Program and Ontario's 2006 budget.

"The idea that we could attract federal funds was a huge breakthrough," said John Tibbels, president of Conestoga College. "It could only happen with a lot of partnership."

The new campus will house the School of Engineering and Information Technology which focuses on training in manufacturing, robotics, renewable energy, telecom

communications and information technology.

Additionally, the campus will house the new Institute for Food Processing Technology which will focus on skills training in food safety, process automation, chemical systems, refrigeration technology and plant management.

"We are the second largest economic engine in the province," said Greg Richardson, president of Grand River Foods. "It's not just that we have highly trained people we can procure from."

With the construction of this new campus, Conestoga College will now have six campuses located across southern Ontario.



PHOTO BY CHRIS BART

Local officials broke ground for Conestoga's new Cambridge campus on Sept. 25 which will be built on 54 hectares of land across Highway 404. Participating were: from left, Doug Grogg, mayor of Cambridge; Ron Gelling, Waterloo regional chair; Laurence Pantalone, MP; Markham Conestoga; Gerry Ouellette, minister of state for science and technology; John Tibbels, president of Conestoga College; and Sheron Davis, president of Conestoga Students Inc.

## Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

If you were stranded on a desert island and could only take one book, one CD and one movie, what would they be?



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The Portal Page."

Leanne Venable,  
one of your  
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Anything Leanne Lewis,  
Selena Pennington."

Whitney Bell,  
fourth year  
marketing



"The Bible  
A money stick with CD,  
Beverly Hills Cop  
The Professional."

Shannon  
Lawrence,  
third year  
management studies



"The Sex Also Means by  
Kareem the Highway  
Jessica Hinkle  
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Gabe Fugate."

David Aguilera,  
fourth year  
computer programming  
analysis



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MURPHY

Kyle Boland, a first-year general arts and science student at Conestoga, sits on top of his studies by getting things done ahead of time.

## Getting the hang of things Students adjusting to college life

By KATHLEEN MURPHY

The first day of attending college is like the first day of attending high school. Students don't know what to expect and they don't know where their classes are. Two big fears are getting lost and meeting new people. The university is the main reason.

and science has adapted to the college life reasonably well in the past few weeks.

The major changes for me were getting adjusted to the new schedule and learning how to manage my time," Korb said.

There are also many services and activities around school to get students involved and introduce them to new people.

"I live in residence and I really got along with my roommate. She introduced me to a few people. I met some people on campus and I'm also trying to get involved with some volunteer services with the Conestoga campus," Korb said.

After two weeks students

have become more comfortable with finding their way around and getting more acquainted with the school. They are meeting people in class and are enjoying the new environment at Conestoga.

The major change for me was going from a full-time

job back to the student life.  
— Kyle Boland

"I'm ultimately enjoying being a student again," said Korb.

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A member of the Respect Campaign at Conestoga Parks told later residents in students. Representatives from the Respect Campaign were among over 40 student clubs and outside organizations at the Get Involved Fair on Sept. 24.

#### By NICOLE FRANK

Share the day off right and get involved.

On Sept. 24, Conestoga College hosted its annual Get Involved Fair, at which groups and organizations from the school and the community displayed ways for students to get involved.

Those who participated included the Learning Community, Conestoga's multi-cultural club, the environmental center and Student Life. Community organizations also set up tables including Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region and the YMCA.

Getting involved with Conestoga College is with

outside organizations makes students life more fun and meaningful. Participating looks great on a resume and also gives students the opportunity to learn new skills.

Renee Crampton, a student life programmer at Conestoga, said it is so much fun.

"It is a great way to meet students who are in different programs."

Crampton said volunteering at Conestoga College also helps students learn leadership skills.

The multicultural club is one group that would be great to join. The club is made up of people from all over the world and it is a wonderful opportunity for students to

meet these people and learn from one another.

Christina Heide is a member of the multicultural club and she said that this year there were more than 50 "to do" the day."

"We want to bring international and local students together," Heide said.

Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region also made help from students, specifically with mentoring, driving children to appointments and helping in the office.

If you missed the fair it is not too late to get involved. Visit the Student Life Center in contact Renee Crampton, student life programmer at ext. 2229.

## Board of governors approves building and architect contracts

By JENNIFER SCHWILKE

build up to one-million square feet.

The first phase will focus on a new design for program such as building and industrial science. The design is currently in the multiple \$600 to 1,000 square foot phase, as well as temporary food services, library and other services for the building.

The next phase will be the building will be moved from the first with the two newly opening areas during the parking lot at the back.

The second phase along Preston Street will be left alone and the campus will be very beautiful finally.

"We are not going to change any of the natural vegetation along Preston Street," said Mullin.

A groundbreaking event took place on Sept. 28.

## Members of board of governors have fun despite dealing with serious issues

By JENNIFER SCHWILKE

Members of the Conestoga College board of governors are not a really or formal board, but rather a working and meeting group.

The board of governors meets monthly and it made up of outside community members, college staff and the president. They are responsible for providing leadership and establishing the goals, objectives and direction of the college. Members review and approve the school budget, business plan, annual and financial reports, and also approve any contracts that the school requires.

The first meeting of the year was held Sept. 21, and members spent one month or more from 10:00 a.m. and shared stories about their careers while working on construction projects and

first and drinking tea and coffee.

There were members Martin Grogan, Brian Dwyer and Craig Richardson, were welcomed and immediately made to feel welcome.

There are very strategic (member) organizations that will help to move forward, and Conestoga College president John Tibbels.

There are many long knowledge and experience in the construction, financial and local government sectors. There are also that Conestoga is currently looking to expand and offer future programs of study.

Although the subject matter was serious, members approval of new programs and financial building projects, the atmosphere was often interrupted with laughter, especially with jokes from the new chair, Dave Joyce, a Conestoga graduate.

and president of Joyce Engineering and

the construction firm.

Joyce highlighted the importance of the construction and design programs at Conestoga College. There were already in place. He also delivered a very powerful speech about the day.

"This is probably one of the most exciting days in my life," said Tibbels.

The board of governors met again on Oct. 28 at 2:30 p.m.

## Passage of time should reduce major parking lot problems

By JENNIFER SCHWILKE

First-year students are up over 21 per cent which has increased into major parking problems. Board of planning members were told at a Sept. 21 meeting College officials expected the problems to be solved last by Sept. 28, when last shift scheduling was locked in and parking were solved.

During the meeting, members discussed how long-term that the land use for the new regional campus, and the GAGE plan had just

been approved.

Conestoga was awarded \$10 million through the federal government's Community Adjustment Fund to develop a campus with studies in the power law technology and health care. There will be about 17 programs offered and the school already has a "five percent" track to be used by students.

Course of study in that area are currently only available at Conestoga College in Sudbury.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER SCHWILKE

Three people looking at a map of the building students at the information desk in the 100. First year students in the 200 (see text), which had a large number of students and faculty in the library.

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# Conestoga's CJIQ not just a college radio station

By Alex Cooke

For eight years Conestoga College's own radio station, CJIQ, has been broadcasting from the Devo campus.

Not only does the station reach from Mount Pleasant, Ont. to Port Huron it is also a classroom, the second-year radio broadcast applies its theory to get on the airwaves.

Mike Thorneil, recently appointed program director and coordinator of the station, had all second-year students are involved in the daily running of CJIQ.

"The station serves as a lab for the students; they rotate through all the different positions here," Thorneil said.

George Back, a second-year radio broadcast student, was most impressed with the preparation students received in courses such as broadcast operations, writing news copy and programing, from students who work in the radio industry.

"We have relevant courses, in an interactive atmosphere," Back said, as he went on to describe all the aspects of the station.

In his six daytime weekdays, when the station reaches its highest ratings according to the Bureau for Broadcast Monitoring (BBM).

BBM is a research agency whose membership includes radio stations, television stations and advertisers across Canada. They measure ratings and feedback with those kinds of volunteers receive a paper diary of their listening habits and marking their number back to the agency for tallying.

There are now over 12,000 CJIQ listeners every week, reaching over the last coast of Canada," Thorneil said with a proud smile.

"We even got feedback from as far away as New York."



Photo by Alex Cooke

Second-year radio broadcast students, Kate Gervy and George Back, discuss the work's elements in one of three radio studios at Conestoga College.

Corrie Humphreys volunteers every Friday night, from 7-9, hosting the late night music sessions from 8:30-9:30. She first got a taste of broadcasting when she was in her first year of the broadcast radio and television program in 1989. Although she didn't have the opportunity to finish the second and third years of the program, she did start an evening of her own with "Rogers' Unleashed."

"It was amazing," Humphreys said. Humphreys expects being a part of CJIQ, the largest college station in Canada. The station, as dedicated to real-time programming, and is currently reviewing for a broadcast program for future radio promotion.

"It is a privilege to be included in this family of broadcasters," said Humphreys. "CJIQ is well known and I feel special being part of the team."

Monday through Friday the programming is split into social history and such groups as Kings of Leon, Three Doors Down and Nirvana. On the weekends however, there are shows such as Rhythmic

Saturdays, Morning reggae, hip hop and club music. Sunday starts with multicultural shows, Morning Pulse, Rockin' and Sportsman. Sunday afternoon is lighter with On Stage, and Thorneil's own Stage From a Secret Place, featuring everything from Celtic to light jazz and rock classical pieces.

Although some of the shows do stream to the Internet, the station is a world apart. The station is regulated by CRTC, the country of non-profit, authors and music publishers of Canada which collects license fees and royalties for the musicians played. "It would be nice if the station was on the Internet, but it will cost money for the royalties," Thorneil said.

January Back, a second-year student in the radio broadcast program, is considering some optional courses such as radio available to second-year students. He also liked the opportunity to meet Dave Schneider, program director for Hot 99 and KFM.

CJIQ is on air all week at 8:30 PM. Staffers are contact at 416-299-0910.

## Demonstrating for peace

By Alex Cooke

Imagine a world without violence.

This is the inspiration behind directors Roger Albrecht and his brother Matt Albrecht. The brothers, both from Kitchener, are also the driving force behind a local non-violence festival.

Sept. 11 marked the third annual demonstration in Victoria Park, located at downtown Kitchener, which was also the International Day of Peace.

At 7 p.m., 30 to 40 people gathered in front of the clock tower to demonstrate for peace, and have a human peace day.

The demonstrators used drums, torches and candles and played a ritual song that slowly got faster and faster while their volunteer photographer Colin Yearly was located near the air on a live truck ladder to take a picture.

While peacefully protesting, the evening ended, Yearly had a moment of peace.

"There was a second when I thought it wouldn't be that dark," Yearly said with a smile.

Operating on a 100 per cent volunteer basis, the Albrechts have a group that meets at the Queen Street Community Club every Tuesday at 7 p.m. to discuss their live yearly events to promote non-violent strategies.

"We promote a vision of violence as all forms," said Roger. "Conestoga College produces peace."

He graduated from the college's film production pro-

gram in 1989.

Another event that was held recently was the world march for peace and was held from then began Oct. 2 Gandhi's birthday. The march went up to Jan. 2, 2011.

The march started at Wellington, New Zealand and will end at the end of the Andes Mountains in Argentina.

For the first time in world history, marchers across the globe will mark the planet. At the same time organizers will have activities on over 100 countries such as exhibits, concerts and social, athletic, cultural and educational events to raise awareness for the need for peace.

"This march, across the world, has never been done before," Roger said.

The first step in getting involved with the group is to make an online at a world march on. Thousands have added their names to the movement list, including rock stars such as the Baha Lamas, Lou Reed, Yoko Ono and David Byrne.

The second step and Roger is to get involved. He organizes events and spread awareness to your family and friends.

"So many people come to us and tell me what should be done," Roger said. "My place is full, if you think something should be done then you know do."

For more information on how to join the march, or any other non-violence demonstration, visit [www.worldmarch.org](http://www.worldmarch.org).



Photo by Alex Cooke

A small group of peace demonstrators chant and drum while holding a peace sign with their hands at Victoria Park.

## Business and hospitality program students asked to fill out survey

By Patricia Miller

The school year has started and surveys are coming your way again.

You are asked to fill out the survey booklet and the program wants to know the best way to study, that is, we all need to study the same way?

Dorel Schneider and Trish Green fall into instruction in the business department, want to find out.

Starting today, a link will be

made available on the L2F website to students who have completed at least two courses in a business or hospitality program.

"We want to create the survey for the new and this helpful if we can make it available to other programs," said Schneider.

The survey focuses on the study habits when preparing for tests and exams. Schneider hopes to narrow down the best study habits for different types of

students.

"We are interested if those who do well on exams are all same or some of the best practices identified by teachers, learning and literacy experts" said Schneider.

Green said, "Nobody studies the same. What might be good for one student might not work for another."

"There are a lot of benefits to the research" and Schneider. "Including giving us, teachers, better grasp as to what we should or

should not be recommending our students to do in order to prepare for exams. Example, do we really need to use a textbook?"

The Research Ethics Board, which is up to the college, will be reviewing the survey in order to guarantee that some of the students are at risk of being identified based on their information or answers to the questions.

"We will be relying on honesty here," said Schneider. "This has the potential to

really help other students."

The survey, which takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes, has 10 questions and will run until Oct. 30.

After filling out the survey, you will be able to fill out a ballot or see one of many prize packages on offer. Trish, Dorel, Schneider and Schneider will be looking for results.

"This is something new for the college," said Schneider. "We're really excited to be doing it."





# T O G A P A R T Y



Seniors students and parents danced the night away at the annual Toga Party. It was held in the Sanctuary by Sovereign Students Inc. on Sept. 29.

There were more in every corner throughout and students did not fail to get involved.

**PHOTOS BY  
STACEY FALCONER**



## FALL IS HERE IN EVERY FORM AND COLOUR



As fall is making its first appearance in the form of a colorful. The cooler temperatures are producing bright colors in the autumn blooming flowers.

**PHOTO BY BRIGGS LAMON**

As night the summer is over and the fall is approaching. Under the sun can be seen greenery which is just around the corner.

**PHOTO BY JUSTIN BLAIR**



# Word on the Street defies foul weather

By Ruth Hagan

Jessica Stewart was one of the many readers at Kitchener Wood on the Street Festival who were fully enjoying the day all day on Sept. 27.

The annual one day outdoor book and magazine family festival celebrated literacy and the written word. It was held in Victoria Park in Kitchener, as well as in Haliburton, Toronto and Vancouver. Thousands of readers of all ages flocked to the festival which featured various readers as well as tents where graphic novels and traditional novels had readings. Margaret Atwood did a reading in a related event the day before at the Kitchener Public Library.

Stewart's book was devoted to comic books and graphic novels, all of which were aimed at younger readers. She was the only reader who appealed to them with the particular genre.

Stewart runs a business called Comics on the

Classroom at Oakley's started by Stewart 15 years ago. After three years of teaching, she felt there was a need to get "her readers into the hands of young readers."

Many children took home volumes of what were once known as "funny books."

She describes the current relationship between educators and graphic novels as an "if you build it they will come attitude." At the same time, Margaret has never had a problem due to the unpopularity, however, many children took home volumes of what were once known as "funny books."

Chris Johnson, 1, was one happy customer, who was prepared to leave the field book as the first tent to add to his bookshelf.



Photo by Ruth Hagan

The Johnson family stops at Wood on the Street in Victoria Park on Sept. 27. The annual Book Festival has been going on for more than two decades in cities including Vancouver, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver.



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# Rescued dog gets a second chance

By MICHELLE GORMAN

An energetic little bundle of white fur, Grease, dashes around the green, occasionally jumping up to get a pat on the head.

A year-month-old Italian greyhound, Grease appears to be the heartbeat of puppies, but looks can be deceiving. She actually has a lot of mannerisms they should not have left. It was not the manner that overly killed her, but rather a breeder who was going to sell her life because he did not believe she could make it.

Heather Blanche, owner of Companion Animal Rescue Oxford thought otherwise. Blanche took in Grease, who is still being today, thanks to a strict diet and exercise plan.

**Callie came in as a daily base from people wanting to re-home their pets for various reasons.**

— Heather Blanche

The happy manner is not out, but Blanche says they are giving her all the time they can and never repeat being kept here.

It is the kind of attitude

that back all the dogs and cats in the shelter.

Sherry Jopson, daughter of Blanche, helps out as much as she can. She says the best part of her job is the satisfaction of seeing the rescue and finding them a better home.

Blanche says, "Callie came in as a daily base from people wanting to re-home their pets for various reasons."

Some of the reasons include moving to another house, not having enough time, allergies, and more.

Blanche takes care of all their needs, including regular trips to the vet.

The cost of an adoption depends on the unaltered expense for the pet such as health and food runs.

For a dog that weighs 10-15 pounds, the average cost is \$250. The cost also varies depending on the age of the animal.

Although none of the dogs are older it is important they receive the same care as a puppy would. "Every dog will still need constant maintenance with other dogs and humans after adoption to an adopter, people to be prepared to spend more quality time with their new companion," says Blanche.

Most of the reason they are important is the fact of their temper as they are adopted.

Blanche recalls the time



Photo by MICHELLE GORMAN

Grease, a nine-month-old Maltese puppy, is not your everyday puppy. Grease was born with a heart murmur and would have been killed had Companion Animal Rescue Oxford not taken her in. Today, Grease sits and is adopted if the new owner agrees to pay for heart surgery.

that a little dog they'd rescued, and only a short period of time in the shelter before finding her a home. An elderly gentleman, who was diagnosed with cancer, was searching for a compa-

nion that could accompany him during his chemotherapy treatment. When the man and puppy finally met, they became immediate friends and have been inseparable ever since.

Then if the person never find a home, the shelter has a "no kill" policy and will continue to house and feed them.

"We believe in quality of life," says Blanche.

## Crowded weight room set for a needed expansion

By GREG GORMAN

Concordia College is hoping to reveal the recreation center weight room becoming the recreation center and making the entrance on the student population at the college this year has caused problems in the parking lot and hallway and it seems only a matter of time before it will affect the gym.

"It seems to be a natural progression to expand the weight room, not only the weight room but the whole recreational center," said Paul O'Brien, director of the recreation center and athletic. "The facility was built in 1980 with a total population of about 1,000 and now, with the population rising to 2,000, the situation is unsatisfactory."

O'Brien said there is an concrete plan as of now to expand the recreation center

because the school is busy with the opening of the new Cambridge campus. He did state that the school is looking for more thought toward important role in the school and the expansion plan should come soon.

Currently, the weight room is only crowded during certain periods of the day, most noticeably in the early afternoon. While there is a good number of anatomy taken and free weights some students think the gym could use more equipment and space.

"I just think it is a little crowded," said senior/gymnast financial planning student, John Farnon. "If there was a bigger space and not so many benches, people would be happier."

Some Concordia students may be surprised to know that every 10-minute student

gets a recreation and athletic fee of \$81.25 per semester, according to the school's website. The payment is an incentive for the full time program included in the student's tuition.

The system may not be ideal for students who don't work out or have a private gym membership with a club in town, but for others it is a convenience.

"I like how it is in our tuition because you can just use it whenever you feel like it," said first-year nursing student, Casey Macdonald. "You don't have to sign up for a program or membership you might not use. You don't see the money."

In the past, gym regulars may need to exercise a little position while stretching down the hall and the recreation center is ready to expand.



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